

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present Amendment the Claims under consideration are Claims 1-20. Claims 1-20 have been indicated as allowable if Claim 16 is amended to remove a § 112 rejection. Claim 16 has been amended hereby. Claim 21 has been canceled. The Detailed Action dated 06 April 2004 will now be addressed with reference to the headings and any paragraph numbers therein.

Claim Rejections -35 USC §112

Claim 16 stands rejected as indefinite because it depends from Claim 10 which is a method claim whereas Claim 16 is a product claim. Claim 16 has been amended to make its preamble agree with its independent base Claim 10. Thus it is believed that the present rejection has been obviated.

Claim Rejections -35 USC §103

Per paragraph 4 of the Detailed Action, Claim 21 stands rejected as obvious over Levy et al. (WO 95/32327) in view of Morman, US patent 4,981,747 (hereinafter Morman). Applicant hereby cancels Claim 21 in order to advance prosecution. Such cancellation is without prejudice to Applicant's right to file future additional applications and without dedication or abandonment of the subject matter contained in the cancelled claim.

For all the foregoing reasons, the Claims as presently amended are believed to be allowable over the art of record. A notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to call Applicant's undersigned attorney should the Examiner feel that any issues remain after entry of the present amendment.

Favorable consideration is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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